

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY FIRE INVESTIGATION TASK FORCE

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

A meeting of the General Membership of the Brown County Fire Investigation Task Force was held on December 6, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., at Screamin' Head Buzz, 788 Armed Forces Drive, Green Bay, WI.

Present: Derek Wicklund, Greg Steenbock, Doug Peters, Terry Rottier, Angie Cali, Fred Laitinen, Kevin Krueger, Steve Zich, Brad Neville, Randy Lind, Tom Hendricks, John Schweitzer, Dan Kerkhoff, Rob Gering, Joe Gabe, Lance Catalano, Dave Steffens, Brad Muller

Item #1. Adoption of Agenda.

Motion made by Gabe and seconded by Rottier to adopt the agenda. **Motion carried.**

Item #2. Review Minutes of Previous Meeting.

Motion made by Hendricks and seconded by Gabe to approve the minutes from the meeting on September 6, 2012. **Motion carried.**

Item #3. Report of Task Force Activities.

Muller reported that the Task Force responded to the following fires since the last meeting:

10-14-12 1758 Edison St., Green Bay (apartment/fatal/undetermined)

10-20-12 416 N. Chestnut St., Green Bay (under investigation)

It was noted that the cause of the fire on View Lane in Ashwaubenon will probably be undetermined. The cause of the fire at 1133 Cherry Street in Green Bay is also undetermined. The Parkview Road fire in Ashwaubenon has been reopened for investigation. The Alive & Kickin' Pizza Crust fire in Howard is currently at trial in civil court.

Muller noted that two people were sentenced in connection to the arsons of two multi-family residences and a vehicle this past April in Green Bay. Chaka Gilson was sentenced to six years in prison and four years extended supervision and Devon Johnson was sentenced to seven years in prison and five years extended supervision. Muller thanked everyone involved in this investigation which resulted in convictions.

Item #4. Information from Board of Directors Meeting.

Muller reported that the Task Force Bylaws and Operating Guidelines have been revised and updated and are on the agenda for approval for the next Board meeting. It was decided to reorganize the Board and reduce the number of members from 17 to 7. The number of

investigators was increased from 12 to 15 and the number of interns was reduced from 24 to 20. All reports will now be done in the BATS program. A copy of the report will be forwarded to the police agency that has jurisdiction. The next Board meeting is December 20, 2012.

Item #5. Old Business.

A reminder to get any email, phone or address changes to Muller.

Eric Johnson will be taking over as Vice-President of the General Membership due to Deviley's retirement until the election of officers in September. Muller also mentioned that the President/Coordinator position will also be available at that time as he will not be seeking reelection.

Muller thanked Neville for his help in going through all of the old Task Force files for shredding or scanning.

Muller reported that Peters and Gering attended the fall IAAI conference.

Item #6. New Business.

Neville sent out letters to all area agencies soliciting money for a new fire investigation truck. Replies were received from the Greenleaf Fire Department and Pulaski Fire Department. Greenleaf hasn't gotten back yet to Muller on a dollar amount. Pulaski wants to hold a 9-pin tournament with the proceeds going toward the truck; however, Muller suggested they make a pledge.

Item #7. Juvenile Firesetter Business.

Nick Craig was not present. It was mentioned that he will start entering juvenile reports in the BATS program.

Item #8. Other Matters.

A. Awards for Glenn Deviley and Dave Seidl.

Muller presented plaques to retirees Seidl for his 23 years of service and Deviley for his 10 years of service on the Task Force.

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Item #9. Set Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting.

The General Membership meetings for 2013 were scheduled as follows:

March 7, 2013  
Howard Fire Station #1

May 30, 2013  
Ashwaubenon Fire Station #1

September 5, 2013  
Bellevue Fire Station #1

December 5, 2013  
Green Bay Fire Station #4

Item #10. Training.

There was no training at this meeting.

Motion made by Gabe and seconded by Catalano to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Laurent  
Recording Secretary